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October 27, 1899

Vessels arriving at Baltimore from Cuba and Porto Rico.

BALTIMORE, MD., October 14, 1899.

SIR: I respectfully transmit the following statement of vessels which have entered at the port of Baltimore from ports in Cuba and Porto Rico during the week ended October 14, 1899:

Date.	Nationality.	Name of vessel.	Where from.	Date of sailing.	Nature of cargo.
Oct. 12	British.....	Steamship H. M. Pollock.....	Santiago de Cuba.....	Oct. 5	Ore.
Oct. 14	Norwegian.....	Steamship Hebe.....	Dalquiri.....	Oct. 7	Do.

Respectfully, yours,

JNO. R. KING,
Acting Deputy Collector.

Report from San Juan for September, 1899.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, October 6, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following consolidated report of the operations of the Service at this station during the month of September, 1899:

Number of births reported.....	71
Number of births reported, September, 1898 (comparative).....	43
Number of deaths reported.....	61
Number of deaths reported September, 1898 (comparative).....	90
A list of the causes of deaths is inclosed.	
Number of vessels inspected.....	39
Number of vessels inspected September, 1898 (comparative).....	32
Number of pieces disinfected.....	5
Number of vessels held in observation quarantine.....	2

These vessels were the Spanish trans-Atlantic liners *Leon XIII* and *Mexico*, which arrived September 3 and September 14, respectively. Both were from Havana and transacted their business in quarantine at this port. The *Mexico* had 1 case of malarial fever and a suspicious case of fever on board. She remained in port only about twenty hours, and took on cargo and passengers in quarantine, under surveillance of 2 attendants, who were detailed as guards.

The weather continues warm, the average temperature for the month being 81° F. Rains are very frequent, the total precipitation for the month being 13.66 inches. The health of the city is fair, and there are no infectious nor contagious diseases.

Vaccination certificates are still issued to all passengers leaving for the States. Eighty-two such certificates were issued and viséed during September. A rigid inspection is being made of all vessels from European ports, in order to guard against the introduction of plague.

The reports from the subports during the month are as follows:

Number of vessels inspected at Mayaguez, 18; at Arecibo, 7; at Aguadilla, 5; at Arroyo, 5; at Humacao, 3; and at Fajardo, 3.

Deaths during the month.—Mayaguez, population 29,000, 145 deaths; Arecibo, population 30,000, 151 deaths; Aguadilla, population 16,000, 69 deaths; Humacao, population 15,000, 59 deaths; Fajardo, population 9,000, 24 deaths; Arroyo, population 6,000, 26 deaths.

The principal causes of deaths at these subports are intestinal diseases, anæmia, and tuberculosis.

Respectfully, yours,

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

Vital statistics of San Juan, Porto Rico, for September, 1899.

Deaths for September, 1899—

Anæmia.....	2
Asistolia.....	1
Stillborn.....	5
Capillary bronchitis.....	1
Carcinoma uteria.....	1
Cerebro-spinal congestion.....	3
Serous congestion.....	1
Cirrhosis of the liver.....	1
Intestinal colic.....	3
Diphtheria.....	1
Puerperal hemorrhage.....	1
Chronic enteritis.....	4
Acute enteritis.....	1
Entero-colitis.....	1
Eclampsia.....	1
Ataxic pernicious fever.....	1
Malaria.....	2
Malnutrition.....	2
Internal traumatic hemorrhage.....	2
Mitral insufficiency.....	2
Leprosy.....	1
Septicæmia.....	1
Pernicious jaundice.....	1
Pernicious meningitis.....	1
Acute meningitis.....	1
Bright's disease.....	1
Pneumonia.....	1
Bronchitis (infectious).....	1
Rachitis.....	1
Old age.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	11
Total.....	61

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PONCE, PORTO RICO, *October 1, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith reports of quarantine and abstract of bills of health for the week ended September 30. Nothing of interest has occurred among the shipping during the week, and the general health of Ponce continues fairly good. There is an increase in digestive and intestinal disorders. I also inclose consolidated report for the month of September.

Respectfully, yours,

C. H. LAVINDER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

Summary of transactions of service during September, 1899.

Total number of deaths reported during September, 1899.....	241
Total number of deaths reported during September, 1898.....	193
Total number of births reported during September, 1899.....	80
Total number of births reported during September, 1898.....	38
Total number of vessels inspected during September, 1899.....	22
Total number of bills of health issued during September, 1899.....	25